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To Whom It May Concern:

I am amending patent application 10/688,573 according to the enclosed Preliminary Amendment form.

Sincerely,

Robert Zeidman

10/688,573 A Robert Zeidman SOFTWARE TOOL FOR SYNTHESIZING A REAL-TIME OPERATING SYSTEM

Preliminary Amendment

Please replace paragraph 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application relates to is a continuation-in-part application of copending U.S. patent application, entitled "Visual Tool for Developing Real Time Task Management Code," serial no. 09/309,147, filed on May 10, 1999.